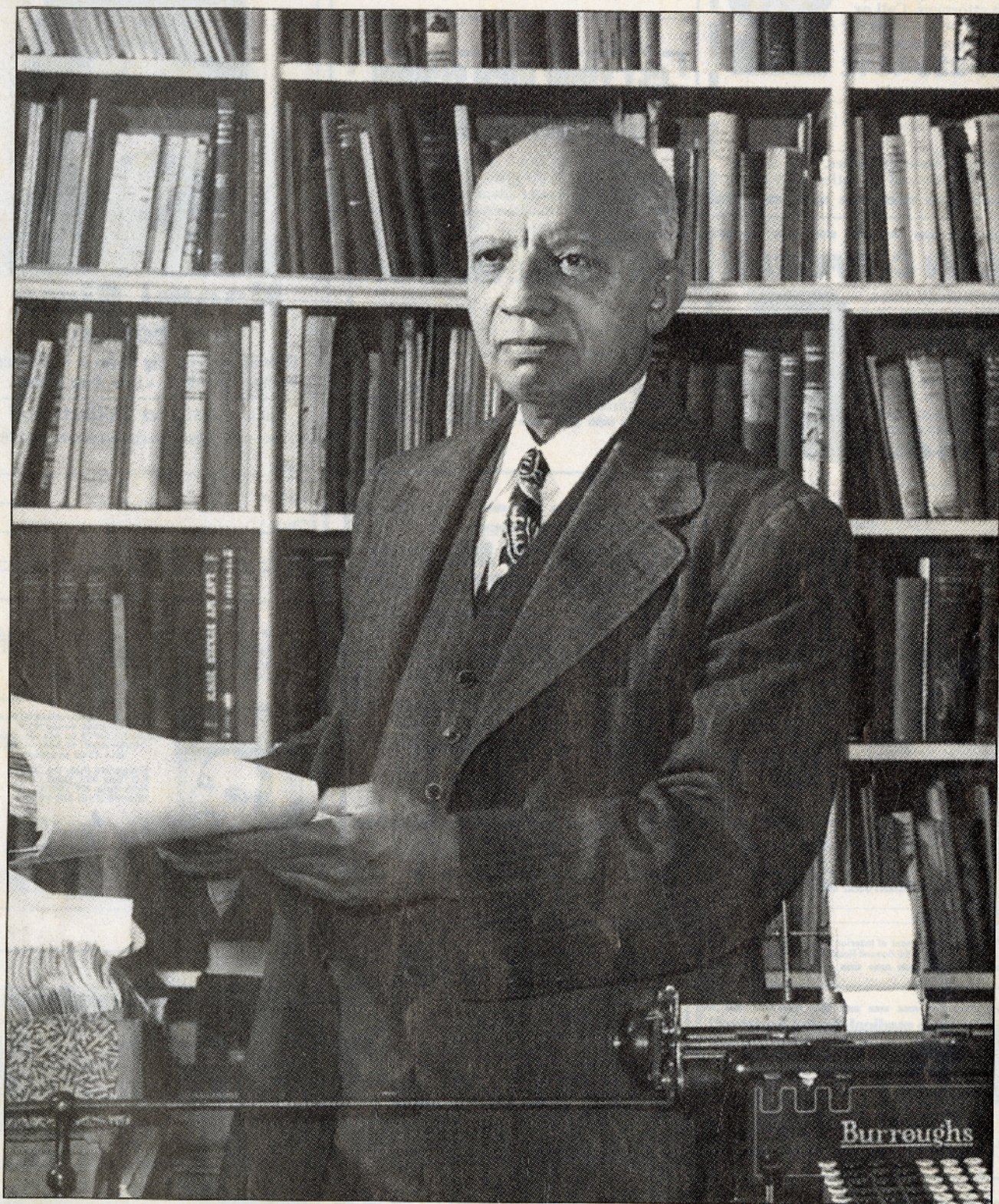


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Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," organized the first Negro History Week and founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Born on Dec. 19, 1875, the son of two former slaves, Woodson taught himself to read between back-breaking work in the field, and he financed his formal education by working in coal mines. He admonished Blacks that "if a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated." Woodson died on April 3, 1950, at age 74.